

REMARKS

Claim 14 has been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Galler* (3,196,018) in view of *Armand Products Company* brochure.

The Examiner cited *Galler* column 3, line 32 as disclosing a coating that is only (emphasis added) hydrogenated fat (i.e., tallow). It is submitted that the hydrogenated tallow of *Galler* is not only fat, but is mixed with other ingredients.

Example IX (column 6) discloses MSB with monocalcium phosphate slurried in a mixture of isopropanol, hydrogenated tallow, soybean flour, wetting agent and methylene chloride. "The resulting slurry was then spray dried to produce an MSB particle having an inner core of MSB and monocalcium phosphate and a fatty outer coating in which there was dispersed particles of soybean flour and surface active agent." The coating is not only tallow.

The summary in column 7 of *Galler* lists other coating material in example IX as "methyl cellulose and hydrogenated tallow."

The cited reference does not indicate that only tallow is used as a coating. Further, column 7, lines 33-35 does not list hydrogenated tallow as one of the particularly good coatings. A person skilled in the art would not use a coating of only tallow based on the *Galler* reference.

Contrary thereto, the applicant uses only hydrogenated tallow and achieves a good coating by requiring a hydrogenated tallow which has been heated and is liquified. The liquified fat under pressure is applied to the granules of anhydrous potassium carbonate to coat the granules (page 3, lines 13-16 and page 4, lines 1-3). The present application uses only liquified tallow without solvents, surface active materials or other materials.

It is submitted that none of the prior art suggests or discloses a coating of only tallow. There is no motivation in these references for a person skilled in the art to use only tallow without solvents or other additives to form a coating.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 is respectfully requested.

It appears that all matters have been addressed satisfactorily, and that the case is now in condition for a complete allowance; and the same is respectfully urged.

However, if the Examiner has any comments or questions, or has any suggestions as per MPEP 707.07 (d) and (j), for putting the case in condition for final allowance, she is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned attorney-of-record at the telephone number below, so that an expeditious resolution may be effected and the case passed to issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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